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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: NOVEL HUMAN MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN

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**SECOND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action of December 15, 2000 and the Advisory Action dated March 6, 2001. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 17 with the amended versions of the claim, below. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."